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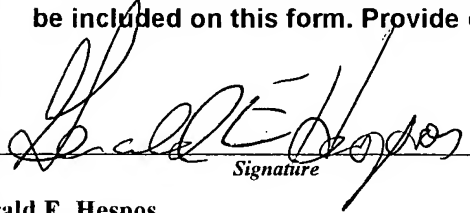
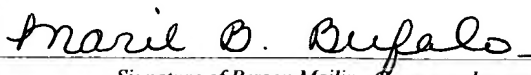
Applicants : Toshikazu Sakurai et al.
Appl. No. : 10/722,667
Filed : November 26, 2003
For : JOINT CONNECTOR AND METHOD OF ASSEMBLING IT

MS Amendment
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the office action of August 6, 2004. Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity) Applicant(s): Toshikazu Sakurai et al.				Docket No. FP03-168US	
Application No. 10/722,667	Filing Date Nov. 26, 2003	Examiner Gilman, A.	Customer No. 001218	Group Art Unit 2833	Confirmation No. 7688
Invention: JOINT CONNECTOR AND METHOD OF ASSEMBLING IT					
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	14 -	20 =	0 x	\$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3 -	3 =	0 x	\$86.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account <input type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. <input type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038.					
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